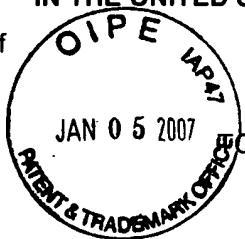


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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	48	minus highest number	
previously paid for	48	(at least 20) =	0 x \$50.00
			\$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment	4	minus highest number	
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If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add
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Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add
 \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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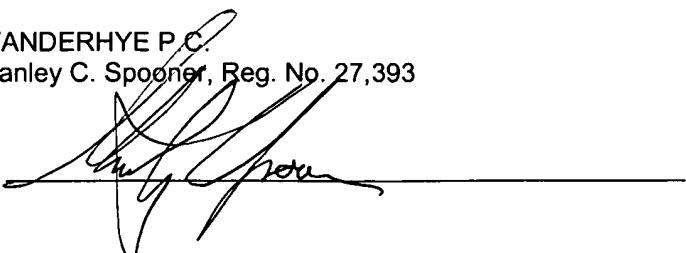
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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action mailed October 5, 2006 (Paper No. 20060930), the date of response to which is January 5, 2007.